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STATE PERSONNEL BOARD ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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SACRAMENTO – The California State Personnel Board announced the appointment of Suzanne M. Ambrose as the Executive Officer of the State Personnel Board. Most recently, she served as the director of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Ms. Ambrose has more than 19 years of experience as a state attorney practicing civil rights law in the areas of employment and housing discrimination, disabled access, immigration consultant fraud, hate violence and public accommodation discrimination. She has been a state manager for approximately 14 of those years, and represented the Department of Fair Employment and Housing in personnel matters before the State Personnel Board and in court. Prior to being appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as director of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing in 2004, she served as supervising deputy attorney general for the Civil Rights Enforcement Section of the Attorney General's Office. Prior to that, she served as chief counsel for the Department of Fair Employment and Housing from 1996 to 2000, as assistant chief counsel from 1993 to 1996 and as staff counsel from 1988 to 1991. Ms. Ambrose served as deputy attorney general in the criminal law division of the Attorney General's Office from 1991 to 1993.

She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar.

The State Personnel Board is constitutionally responsible for providing guidance to the state's civil service system and adjudicating civil service matters.